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**Please Note:**

**New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) one week prior to bid opening (October 22, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsible.**

FV-207

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 8, 2003

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-207, Invitation 085

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, October 22, 2003**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, November 5, 2003. Deliveries are to be made from December 16, 2003 through February 29, 2004.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Whole Dried Figs	24/1 lb.	103,500 cases
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- *Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable, as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.*
- *All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.*
- *On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.*
- *No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.*
- *The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2002 crop year or later.*



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Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-207, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated June 1999, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-207, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

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 INVITATION : 085  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 20 FIGS, DRIED  
 PACK SIZE : 10 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/03 - 12/31/03					
001	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,500	_____
002	GRAY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	KNOXVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
003	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,125	_____
	SPRINGFIELD	IL	TRUCK ONLY	375	_____
004	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,125	_____
	PEORIA	IL	TRUCK ONLY	375	_____
005	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,125	_____
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	375	_____
006	MOLINE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	URBANA	IL	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
007	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	600	_____
008	SURPRISE	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
009	TUCSON	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,100	_____
	YUMA	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
010	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
011	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/04 - 01/15/04					
012	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____ **
	BUFFALO	NY	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
013	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
014	VINELAND	NJ		1,500	_____
015	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	375	_____
	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,125	_____
016	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
017	ROANOKE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	VERONA	VA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
018	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,500	_____
019	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,000	_____
	MACON	GA	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
020	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,125	_____
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	375	_____
021	ALBUQUERQUE	NM		1,500	_____
022	LUBBOCK	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
023	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
024	VICTORIA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
025	TOPEKA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____

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026	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
027	CHULA VISTA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
028	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/04 - 01/31/04					
029	MONTGOMERY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	886	
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	614	
030	SAVANNAH	GA	TRUCK ONLY	920	
	SYLVESTER	GA	TRUCK ONLY	580	
031	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
032	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,125	
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	375	
033	CLEVELAND	OH	TRUCK ONLY	750	
	COLUMBUS	OH	TRUCK ONLY	750	
034	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
035	SAN JOSE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/04 - 02/15/04					
036	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	750	
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	750	
037	LATHAM	NY	TRUCK ONLY	750	
	ROCHESTER	NY	TRUCK ONLY	750	**

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038	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
039	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,500	_____
040	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,125	_____
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	375	_____
041	EVANSVILLE	IN	TRUCK ONLY	500	_____
	ROCKFORD	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,000	_____
042	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
043	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
044	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	900	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	600	_____
045	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
046	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
047	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	SAN JOSE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
048	AUBURN	WA	TRUCK ONLY	802	_____
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	698	_____
049	AUBURN	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,167	_____
	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	333	_____

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050	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____ **
051	EAST SYRACUSE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____ **
	WESTBROOK	ME	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
052	ROANOKE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
053	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	VERONA	VA	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
054	CHARLESTON	WV		1,500	_____
055	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,500	_____
056	RUSSELL SPRINGS	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
057	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
058	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
059	MOLINE	IL	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
	URBANA	IL	TRUCK ONLY	750	_____
060	AKRON	OH	TRUCK ONLY	975	_____
	YOUNGSTOWN	OH	TRUCK ONLY	525	_____
061	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	375	_____
	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	1,125	_____
062	FORT WORTH	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____
063	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	_____

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064	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
065	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,116	
	ST JOSEPH	MO	TRUCK ONLY	384	
066	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
067	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	1,500	
068	OAKLAND	CA	TRUCK ONLY	500	
	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,000	
069	RIVERSIDE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	750	
	SAN BERNARDINO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	750	

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 103,500

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 Michelle E. Warren  
 Contracting Officer

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